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TION UNDER INDUSTRIALIZED SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP (10.02)

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1. U.S. SIDE APPRECIATES INTINERARY PROPOSED BY SOVIETS
(PARA 3 REF A) IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST (REF B).
2. WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAM FOR MRS. JANIS, HUD AND DEPART-
MENT GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S WILLINGNESS TO STEP INTO THE
BREACH AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS
YOU HAVE MADE. MRS. JANIS, A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO HEW'S
SURGEON GENERAL, IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN VISITING
SOVIET EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.
WE ASSUME THE EMBASSY IS PURSUING THE POSSIBILITY OF AR-
RANGING SUCH VISITS THROUGH INTOURIST. IF SO, PLEASE AD-
VISE COSTS INVOLVED.

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3. REGARDING TERENTIEV'S COMMENTS (PARA 5 REFTTEL), SOVIET
SIDE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ARRANGEMENTS AT WASHINGTON END
FOR THIS VISIT ARE PROCEEDING ON THE EXPECTATION THAT MRS.
JANIS WILL ACCOMPANY USDEL. IF THIS IS NOT TO BE THE CASE,
MR. JANIS WILL OF COURSE RECONSIDER HIS PARTICIPATION. IN
THIS CONNECTION, PLEASE NOTE THAT US INTERPRETER WILL AC-
COMPANY ONLY IF MR. JANIS TRAVELS WITH DELEGATION. MR.

JANIS REMAINS PREPARED TO PROVIDE LUMP-SUM PAYMENT TO GOSTROY FOR HIS WIFE'S EXPENSES. IF, AS IT NOW APPEARS, SOVIET SIDE UNABLE TO WORK THIS OUT, WE NONETHELESS EXPECT THAT MRS. JANIS WILL SHARE ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS WITH HER HUSBAND DURING THE VISIT.

4. MR. WILLIAM DISKANT HAS HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM USDEL DUE TO ILLNESS. IN VIEW OF LATE DATE, HE WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INFORM TERENTIEV THAT MRS. DE HANCOCK HAS BEEN ON A MISSION ABROAD SINCE MAY 6 AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON BEFORE MAY 18. IN HER ABSENCE, HER DEPUTY, MR. CHARLES RASSIAS, IS COORDINATING PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF MR. JANIS AND USDEL. VANCE

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